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State Quakers To Participate In Peace Vigil

A silent body of people will cross the Potomac River in Washington, D. C., Sunday to hold a two-day vigil for peace in the Pentagon.

They will be Quakers from every state in the union and will be in Washington to communicate their concern for peace to the White House and foreign delegations resident in that city.

They will appeal to the government heads to consider alternatives to the cold war and will protest the present reliance of our country on armaments.

Connecticut delegates to the peace demonstration will include six members of the Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends: Mrs. Richard K. Conant Jr., Mrs. Don O. Noel Jr., Mrs. W. Theodore Paullin, Miss Marcia I. Paullin, John S. Stamm and Miss Elizabeth J. Stamm.

THE PILGRIMAGE will start Sunday with a worship service in Washington and will be followed by the silent walk to the Pentagon. While the prayer vigil continues at the Pentagon on Monday, groups of Quakers will visit the White House and foreign delegations to petition active measures for peace. At the same time in New York, a Quaker delegation will call on the United Nations and present voluntary contributions of money to that organization's work for peace.

Hartford Quakers three weeks ago rededicated themselves to the historic Quaker testimony for peace.

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Quakers To Join In Pilgrimage To Washington

Six members of the Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends will join in a Quaker pilgrimage to Washington, D.C. Sunday and Monday.

The nationally organized pilgrimage will protest America's reliance on armaments. Members will appeal to the government to consider alternatives to the cold war.

Attending from this area will be Mrs. Richard K. Conant Jr., Mrs. Don O. Noel Jr., Mrs. W. Theodore Paullin, Miss Marcia I. Paullin, John S. Stamm and Miss Elizabeth J. Stamm.

They will take with them copies of a peace statement signed three weeks ago by many members of the Hartford Friends Meeting.

The Washington pilgrimage will include a prayer vigil near the Pentagon and visits by various groups to the White House and foreign delegations in Washington.

The pilgrimage will mark the 300th anniversary of the first public "peace witness" by Quakers in 1660.

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Quakers Protest Arms Race

WASHINGTON, D. C. (UPI)— Hundreds of Quakers stood in "quiet vigil" at the Pentagon yesterday to demonstrate their opposition to the world arms race.

The demonstrators, gathered in the nation's capital from various Quaker centers around the country, drew beautiful weather for the opening of their two-day protest. The sun was bright, the temperature balmy.

About a hundred men and women lined a sidewalk at the point where a heavily-traveled street passes the Defense Department and Armed Forces headquarters.

One man held a placard reading "peace witness, 1960-61." Another sign said "deterrence won't work."

A larger group lined up along the railing of a large patio-porch on another of the big building's five sides. All the demonstrators stood facing the Pentagon. Some read, others chatted quietly.

The protest group is headed by Henry J. Cadbury, professor emeritus at Harvard University. The Quakers said in a statement the "peace pickets" numbered about 600.

The demonstrators said they were "appealing to our fellow citizens to turn from the immorality and futility of the arms race to a search for non-violent alternatives."

They said another purpose was "to challenge the assumption that a nation must be military strong to assure peace, or even to talk about it."

Today, a small delegation plans to travel to New York to give \$14,000 in contributions from Quakers to support the technical assistance work of the United Nations in Africa. The money was raised by a "voluntary tax" of one per cent of the annual income of the contributors.

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Sunday Courant
HARTFORD, Conn.
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Quakers Plan Pentagon 'Vigil'

WASHINGTON (UPI) — More than 600 Quakers planned Saturday to renew the three-century old tradition of their sect of trying to persuade nations to give up war for any reason.

The Committee for Quaker Peace Witness called members from all parts of the country to take part in two days of "a quiet vigil" around the Pentagon, headquarters of the U.S. armed services.

A statement by the group, headed by Harvard emeritus prof. Henry J. Cadbury, said the purpose of the demonstration was to appeal "to our fellow citizens to turn from the immorality and futility of the arms race to a search for non-violent alternatives."

The statement noted that 300 years ago Quakers told King Charles II of England they "utterly deny all outward wars or strife for any end or under any pretense whatsoever."

Other groups plan to visit the White House, the State Department and the Soviet, British and French embassies to deliver their message of peace.

"Our vigil at the Pentagon is an act of public witness for human decency," the group's statement said. "We abhor reliance on military might because we feel that it is wrong. It denies the spirit of God in every man. But on more pragmatic grounds we assert that national security through military might is a delusion."

"Year after year the nations go vainly on making ever more lethal armaments. Lying, spying and deception have become the normal practice among nations. This is the frightful price we pay for a false security which is something worse than no security at all, a security which will betray all who trust in it."

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Journal (e)
MERIDEN, Conn.
Circ. 8,929

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Quakers Picket Pentagon In Protest To Wars

Washington, Nov. 14 (AP) — About 1,000 Quakers plan to stand in silent vigil around the Pentagon again today as a demonstration of their belief in the futility of war.

Quakers from all over the country are taking part in the two-day demonstration called a "Peace Witness." It marks the 300th anniversary of the first Quaker protest of war, made to King Charles II of England.

The demonstrators marched over to the Defense Department headquarters in a body yesterday after morning prayer meetings in a Washington hotel. They virtually surrounded the Pentagon for six hours.

The Quakers stood motionless and silent in the warm sunshine. Any of them dropping out for a break were replaced by others waiting in reserve. Many adults had children with them.

Some of the signs they carried read "Quakers Say No To All Wars" and "Force May Subdue But Love Gains."

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American (e)
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Arms Race Denounced By Quakers

600 Plan Visits
To White House,
Pentagon, UN

WASHINGTON, D. C. UPI

A group of 600 Quakers planned today to carry their peace pilgrimage to the White House, Congress and the Pentagon in an attempt to show "the futility of the arms race."

Some of the group were to take \$30,000 in contributions from Quakers across the nation to New York to help the United Nations in its technical aid program for Africa.

Others were to visit the State Department and the Soviet, British and French Embassies in an appeal to search for "non-violent alternatives" to burgeoning military might.

The protest group, headed by Henry J. Cadbury, professor emeritus of Harvard University, and drawn from various Quaker centers, said "lying, spying, and deception have become the normal practice among nations."

They began the two-day "Quiet Vigil" for peace yesterday centered at the Pentagon, which houses the headquarters of the Defense Department and the Armed Services.

In a statement, the demonstrators said "Year after year, the nations go vainly on making ever more lethal armaments. This is the frightful price we pay for a false security which is worse than no security at all, a security which will betray all who trust in it."

"We assert that national security through military might is a delusion," the statement said. It urged the United States to take the "initiative" in promoting a six-point program for peace, which included:

Announcing that America's goal is total world disarmament under United Nations supervision and control.

Halting nuclear weapons production.

Destroying chemical and germ stockpiles and abandon unconventional war preparations.

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Record (m)
MERIDEN, Conn.
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Quakers Stage Anti-War Protest

WASHINGTON (AP)—Nearly 1,000 Quakers stood silently outside the Pentagon Sunday to dramatize their belief in the futility of war.

The demonstrators came from 26 states, Costa Rica and Canada. They will stage another anti-war demonstration outside the Pentagon Monday.

The huge hub of the nation's defensive activities was closed and only occasional passing motorists saw the long line of pickets, who stood motionless throughout the day. As soon as one demonstrator stepped out of line, another would take his place.

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Vigil for Peace at Pentagon

QUIET DEMONSTRATION—One of several groups of Quakers stages "quiet vigil" on steps of Pentagon in Washington in demonstration for peace. There were few signs in evidence. This group is standing on steps of Mall entrance to headquarters for U. S. military staffs. Six members of Hartford Quaker Meeting are among participants in three-day vigil.—LAP.

Press-Herald (m)
PORTLAND, Me.
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Vigil At Pentagon

One of several groups of Quakers who staged a "quiet vigil" at the Pentagon is shown Sunday standing on the steps of the Mail entrance to the building housing the headquarters of the military forces of the United States. Other groups of Quakers joined the demonstration for peace at other entrances to the Pentagon. (AP Wirephoto)

Quakers Protest Arms Race

Demonstrate With Quiet Vigil At Pentagon

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Making information from satellites such as the Samos "spy-in-the-sky" available, through the United Nations, to any country.

Quickly reducing military aid appropriations to foreign countries and expand technical assistance and non-military economic aid, especially to the newly developing nations of Africa and Asia.

Repealing the Connally reservation, a clause added to the legislation authorizing U. S. participation in the international court of justice. The reservation reserves to this country the right to decide what cases involving it shall go before the international court.



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PORTLAND, Me.
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Quakers Picket Defense Dep't

WASHINGTON (AP) — An estimated 800 Quakers are expected to participate in a Sunday and Monday peace demonstration which will include 15 hours of picketing of Defense Department headquarters at the Pentagon.

The activities are being sponsored by the Committee for Quaker Peace Witness. Events also will include showing of an antiwar film, distribution of peace pamphlets, prayer meetings and presentation of \$14,000 to the United Nations for U.N. technical assistant work in Africa.

The Society of Friends (Quakers) is historically opposed to war and many members of the sect have refused to bear arms in past conflicts.

The Sunday program opens with worship at the Friends Meeting House and the Hotel Washington. The Pentagon "peace vigil" will be carried on from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday "as an act of public witness for human decency" and will be repeated Monday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

A group will go by bus Monday morning to New York to make the presentation to the United Nations.

The committee's principal objective is a totally disarmed world under U.N. supervision. Other aims include a halt in production of nuclear weapons and destruction of all chemical and germ warfare stockpiles.

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Free Press (m)
BURLINGTON, Vt.
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Quakers Tax Selves for U.N.

Burlington area Quakers are "taxing" themselves to support the United Nations in pursuit of peace.

The Burlington Meeting of Friends suggested a 1 per cent gross income tax in letters sent to members this week.

However, any sum individuals or families wish to offer is acceptable, the group said.

John Sullivan, clerk of the meeting, and Virginia Little, treasurer, said the voluntary self-tax represented belief in the U.N. and the willingness of individuals to be directly taxed as citizens of the world to support the international organization.

The Burlington Friends Meeting, by their action, joins others who have followed the example of the Friends Meeting in Champaign — Urbana, Ill., the first group to adopt the voluntary 1 per cent gross income tax.

It is believed to be the first time ordinary citizens have voluntarily taxed themselves in support of a worldwide governmental organization.

Money thus given to the U.N. has, in the past, been used for the technical assistance program, the special U.N. Fund for Economic Development and the Children's Emergency Fund. Sullivan said the Burlington "tax" offering has not been earmarked, except that the U.N. has been requested to use the money for

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Gazette (e)
HAVERHILL, Mass.
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Amesbury Woman To Take Part In Peace Pilgrimage

AMESBURY — Mrs. Edward H. Averill, 14 Beacon St., will be among more than 1,000 members of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) to take part in a Quaker pilgrimage to Washington for Peace Sunday and Monday.

The Pentagon, symbol of the nation's armed strength, will be the scene of the silent vigil to be conducted by the Quakers as part of a witness and rededication to the historic Quaker opposition to war.

Mrs. Averill will be among 40 New England Quakers taking part in the pilgrimage. She will accompany a delegation of 10 members of Cambridge Friends meeting. She will represent the Amesbury Friends Meeting.

The Pilgrimage, which will

begin Sunday and end Monday night, will feature the constant presence of a large group in silent prayer at the Pentagon building as witness against the United States' reliance on armed might.

Additional groups will call on a number of foreign embassies, including that of the Soviet Union and the U.S. State Department, in an attempt to bring to their attention what Quakers believe is the folly of reliance on military might.

An additional delegation will travel from Washington to the United Nations in New York to present a gift of money to this organization, representing a 1 per cent voluntary tax on individual gross incomes to which many

Quakers have committed themselves.

The Quaker meeting in Amesbury has recently re-dedicated itself to what Quakers call their "peace testimony," as part of an observance of the 300th anniversary of the first Quaker public declaration against war.

The declaration was made by George Fox, founder of the religious Society of Friends, to King Charles II of England in 1660.

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News (e)
MALDEN, Mass.
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QUAKER PEACE MISSION
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Standard-Times (e)
NEW BEDFORD, Mass.
Circ. 62,208

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Quakers Continue Anti-War Vigil

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**N.E. Quakers to Join
Capitol Peace 'Vigil'**

A group of 40 New England Quakers, including 10 members of the Cambridge Friends Meeting, will join others from across the nation this weekend from across the nation in a silent vigil in Washington in a silent vigil of the Religious Society of Friends.

The vigil will be a pilgrimage for peace, and groups will pray at the Pentagon "as witness against our nation's reliance on armed might," leaders of the Cambridge Meeting announced.

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News (e)
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Neighborly News

Diane Marie Chenette, 200 Hollis St., was recently graduated from the Wilfred Academy of Hair and Beauty Culture, 492 Boylston St., Boston. . . . Navy Ensign Carl W. Sundstrom, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl W. Sundstrom, 128 Winter St., Framingham, is undergoing jet flight training with Training Squadron Two at Whiting Field Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Milton, Fla. . . . Edna Toste of Framingham is a member of the committee for the series of Saturday night dances at the Boston YMCA starting this week.

Mrs. Sohler Welch, Sr. and Miss Penelope Turton of Edmonds Rd. are in Washington today taking part in the rededication to the historic Quaker opposition to war, a silent vigil at the Pentagon by members of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) who are converging on Washington over the weekend. Joining with an anticipated 1000 members from across the United States will be some forty New England Quakers, including 10 members of the Cambridge Friends Meeting. Beginning on Sunday, Nov. 13, and ending Monday evening, the Quaker Pilgrimage to Washington will feature the constant presence of a large group in silent prayer at the Pentagon Building as witness against the nation's reliance on armed might. Additional groups will call on a number of foreign embassies, including that of the Soviet Union, and the U. S. State Department in an attempt to bring to their attention what Quakers believe is the fallacy of relying on military might. An additional delegation will travel from Washington to the United Nations in New York to present a gift of money to this organization representing a 1 per cent voluntary tax on individual gross incomes to which many Quakers have committed themselves. Miss Elena F.

Chronicle Sun
CAMBRIDGE, Mass.
Weekly Circ. 14,223

NOV 10 1960

Quakers Plan Peace Pilgrimage To Washington

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Fox Declaration

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the Spirit of Christ, which leads us into all truth, will never move us to fight and war against any man with outward weapons, neither for the Kingdom of Christ nor for the kingdoms of this world . . . Therefore, we cannot learn war anymore."

Friends going to Washington from Cambridge include: Mrs. Copley Amory Jr., Miss Helen Peabody, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Frost, and Robert Lyon, executive secretary, American Friends Service Committee.

Union (m)
SPRINGFIELD, Mass.
Circ. 81,815

NOV 11 1960

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Sentinel (e)
FITCHBURG, Mass.
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Society Of Friends Planning Vigil

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Quakers Going to Capital To Reaffirm Peace Goals

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Cape Cod
Standard Times (e)
HYANNIS, Mass.
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Quakers Travel For Peace Vigil

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Sunday Globe
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Circ. 416,486

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Harvard Prof Heads Quaker Peace Vigil

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PICKETS AT PENTAGON — This is one of several groups of Quakers who staged a "quiet vigil" outside the Pentagon in Washington Sunday. They're on the steps of the Mall entrance to the building housing headquarters of military forces of the U.S. Other groups of Quakers joined the demonstration for peace at other entrances to the Pentagon.

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News (e)
ATHOL, Mass.
Circ. 4,438

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PICKETS AT PENTAGON



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Sunday Republican
SPRINGFIELD, Mass.
Circ. 112,664

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Quakers Plan Pentagon Vigil Against Wars

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Assail War "Immortality"

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Union (m)
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QUAKERS GIFT TO UN
UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP)
—An American Quaker group Monday presented the United Nations gifts totaling more than \$18,000 to be used for technical assistance in Africa.

Herald (m)
BOSTON, Mass.
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QUAKERS AID UN
UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP)
—An American Quaker group today presented the United Nations gifts totaling more than \$18,000 to be used for technical assistance in Africa. The group of 39 men, women and children representing Quaker societies across the nation was led by Colin Bell, member of the Swarthmore Meeting of Friends.

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Sunday Standard-Times
NEW BEDFORD, Mass.
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Traveler (e)
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Washington Vigil By N. E. Quakers

New England Quakers will take part in a Washington vigil for peace this weekend.

Ten members of the Cambridge Friends Meeting will be among the 40 New Englanders in the silent vigil of the Religious Society of Friends.

Members will pray at the Pentagon "at witnesses against our nation's reliance on armed might," leaders of the Cambridge meeting said.



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Quakers Conduct Peace Vigil at Pentagon



(Associated Press Wirephoto)

This is one of several groups of Quakers who Sunday staged a "quiet vigil" at the Pentagon. They are shown standing on the steps of the Mall entrance to the big building housing the headquarters of the military forces of the United States. Other groups of Quakers joined the demonstration for peace at other entrances to the Pentagon.

'Quiet Vigil' at Pentagon Is Quaker Arms Protest

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Hundreds of Quakers stood in "quiet vigil" at the Pentagon Sunday to demonstrate their opposition to the world arms race.

Two-Day Protest

The demonstrators, gathered in the nation's capital from various Quaker centers around the country, drew beautiful weather for the opening of their two-day protest. The sun was bright, the temperature balmy.

About a hundred men and women lined a sidewalk at the point where a heavily-traveled street passes the Defense Department and armed forces headquarters.

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Group of 60

The protest group is headed

by Henry J. Cadbury, professor emeritus at Harvard University. The Quakers said in a statement the "peace pickets" numbered about 600.

The demonstrators said they were "appealing to our fellow citizens to turn from the immorality and futility of the arms race to a search for non violent alternatives."

They said another purpose was "to challenge the assumption that a nation must be militarily strong to assure peace, or even to talk about it."

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Quakers in Capital For Peace Program

WASHINGTON (AP)—An estimated 800 Quakers are expected to participate in a Sunday and Monday peace demonstration, which will include 15 hours of picketing of Defense Department headquarters at the Pentagon.

The activities are being sponsored by the Committee for Quaker Peace Witness. Events also will include showings of an anti-war film, distribution of peace pamphlets, prayer meetings and presentation of \$14,000 to the United Nations for UN technical assistance work in Africa.

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Quakers Plan White House Pilgrimage

WASHINGTON (UPI)—A group of 600 Quakers planned today to carry their peace pilgrimage to the White House, Congress and the Pentagon in an attempt to show "the futility of the arms race."

Some of the group were to take \$30,000 in contributions from Quakers across the nation to New York to help the United Nations in its technical aid program for Africa.

Hunt Alternatives

Others were to visit the State Department and the Soviet, British and French embassies in an appeal to search for "non-violent alternatives" to burgeoning military might.

The protest group, headed by Henry J. Cadbury, professor emeritus of Harvard University, and draw from various Quaker centers, said "lying, spying, and deception" have become the normal practice among nations.

"Quiet Vigil"

They began the two-day "quiet vigil" for peace Sunday centered at the Pentagon, which houses the headquarters of the Defense Department and the armed services.

In a statement, the demonstrators said "year after year, the nations go vainly on making ever more lethal armaments. This is the frightful price we pay for a false security which is worse than no security at all, a security which will betray all who trust in it."

"We assert that national security through military might is a delusion..."

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Military Race Protest Staged By US Quakers

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Monday, a small delegation plans to travel to New York to give \$14,000 in contributions from Quakers to support the technical assistance work of the United Nations in Africa. The money was raised by a "voluntary tax" of one per cent of the annual income of the contributors.

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Local Quakers In Weekend Vigil At Pentagon

DOVER — Two local men are included in an anticipated 1,000 Quakers who will conduct a silent vigil at the Pentagon in Washington this weekend, November 12.

Silas Weeks, Dover, and Cabot Lyford, Durham, will join the pilgrimage to the nation's capital for silent prayer as witness against "the nation's reliance on armed might."

Additional groups will call on a number of foreign embassies, including that of the Soviet Union, and the U. S. State department in an attempt "to bring to their attention what Quakers believe is the folly of reliance military might."

Another group will go to the United Nations in New York to present a gift of money to this organization representing a 1 per cent voluntary tax on individual gross incomes to which many Quakers have committed themselves.

The Quaker meeting in Dover has recently rededicated itself to what Quakers call their Peace Testimony as part of an observance of the 300th anniversary of the first Quaker, public declaration against war.



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Demonstration for peace is staged by Quakers at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., yesterday. Several hundred Quakers took part in a "quiet vigil" at the headquarters of the nation's defense.

—Associated Press Wirephoto

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Quakers Ring Pentagon In 2d Day of Peace Vigil

By W. T. M. GRIGG
Star Staff Writer

Hundreds of Friends quietly ringed the Pentagon this morning in the largest "peace witness" in American Quaker history. They watched silently as thousands of military and civilian workers hurried to their desks.

The vigil about the Pentagon yesterday and today marks the 300th year since the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) formed and told King Charles II of England:

"We cannot learn war any more."

Answering a call from a voluntary committee of Friends, the hundreds of Quakers came to Washington to march yesterday from the city's center to the Pentagon to begin the two-day witness.

Physically, the Quakers bothered no one. In picture-postcard weather, they stood quietly—many at a kind of parade rest—and answered the questions of the curious.

Some of the witnesses here had protested before in vigils at Fort Detrick, Md., a center for germ warfare planning, and at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., from which Discoverer XVII was launched Saturday.

Among the latter group was George Weber, a science teacher in Palo Alto, Calif. He said the vigils help the participants to ponder through the problems, to search themselves in sometimes trying situations—"such as when a not-so-sober woman curses you or the MPs roar up with sirens blaring"—and to work out personal conflicts.

Families Stand Together

But most of those who gathered yesterday were family units, persons who had never "marched" before.

Arnold Look, a school teacher, brought his wife and five handsome youngsters from Providence, R.I., because "we had a feeling we must stand up and be counted."

Mr. Look was not an objector during World War II, nor is he sure his three sons would be when they grow up. But he said he wanted them to see men and women standing up for their beliefs. Anna Lee Look, 8, said sometimes when she fought with her brothers and sisters one of them would say, "If you hit back, you're as bad as he is." And that would end the squabble.

But Mr. Look said the international situation was more complex. "You can't fight with your brother for 15 years and then suddenly make friends."

but help them. There was no treaty, only a shaking of hands.

Yet peace lasted until the Quakers lost political power in the State.

Later, E. Raymond Wilson, executive secretary of the Friends Committee on National Legislation here, said the Quakers are "opposed to the whole organization of society for the preparation for war..."

The Friends proposed that the United States announce total disarmament as its goal; stop its production of nuclear weapons; abandon stockpiles of chemical and germ warfare materials; dedicate space information satellites to the United Nations; curtail military aid to other countries, and adhere fully to the International Court of Justice.

Fired Quaker on Committee

The Quakers came here at the call of a committee of 29 persons, including William R. Martin. Mr. Martin was fired from his Capitol Hill job in May after a group he leads sent letters to high school boys telling them they could avoid military service by claiming to be objectors.

One witness referred to Mr. Martin as a "young" Friend, implying kindly that Mr. Martin, who is in his early 20s, may also have been an impetuous one. Most Quakers are conservative.

Their protest is certainly one of the most conservative in appearance Washington has ever seen. The participants looked like a well-dressed cross-section of America.

Many are taxing themselves 1 per cent annually for the U.N. Several of the witnesses left by bus this morning to present \$30,000 of this "tax money" to the U.N. for its technical assistance program in Africa.

About 500 Friends are participating in the vigils. A few carry signs such as:

"Grapes from thorns? Peace from armaments?"

1,000 See Play

They are quick to admit they have no easy answer to all armament problems. But a thousand persons watched a Friends documentary play last night at the Washington Hotel.

In it, William Penn walked unarmed to talk with Indian leaders and pledge that Quaker Pennsylvania would not hurt,

WASHINGTON STAR

NOVEMBER 14th

1960



Quakers picket the Pentagon.

—UPI Photo.

Quakers Stage 'Quiet Vigil'

Pentagon Is Picketed

By GEORGE CLIFFORD

"The Spirit of Christ," Quaker founder George Fox told England's King Charles 2d 300 years ago, "will never move us to fight and war against any man with outward weapons, neither for the Kingdom of God nor for the kingdoms of this world."

"I think if everyone was as concerned with peace as they say, we wouldn't be in the mess we're in today," said Karen Kaman, one of Fox's followers.

Miss Kaman, 17, a Guilford College student, is one of 1000 Quakers using non-outward weapons at the Pentagon in protest against the bitter realities of today's world.

MARCH

A "Quiet Vigil" for peace started yesterday when they marched two by two thru downtown Washington and across the 14th-st Bridge to take up their positions

around the Department of Defense.

Carrying signs reading, "Quakers say no to all war," "Force may subdue, but love gains," and "Deterrence is no good in a war by accident. Is it ever any good?" they went back this morning to continue their rededication to Fox's principles.

The demonstration was to end today, with some of the Quakers showing up at the White House and others visiting congressmen, the State Department, and the Soviet, British and French embassies in an appeal for a search for "non-violent alternatives" to the armaments contest.

"We do not think that seeking peace thru military power will bring peace," Samuel Levering, a spokesman for the group, said. "It only brings fear which tends to build up an arms race on the other side."

TAKE STEPS

He admitted that total disarmament by the U. S. without a similar move by Russia would be foolish now, but

claimed, "we could take some steps."

"Substantial disarmament must include Russia and everyone else," he said. "The policy of excluding Red China from the disarmament talks is self-defeating."

"If we really wanted disarmament, we'd have them in on the discussions."

Charles Walker, a member of the Friends Service Committee and a leader of protest pickets at the Army's germ warfare center at Ft. Detrick, Md., is among the Quakers at the Pentagon.

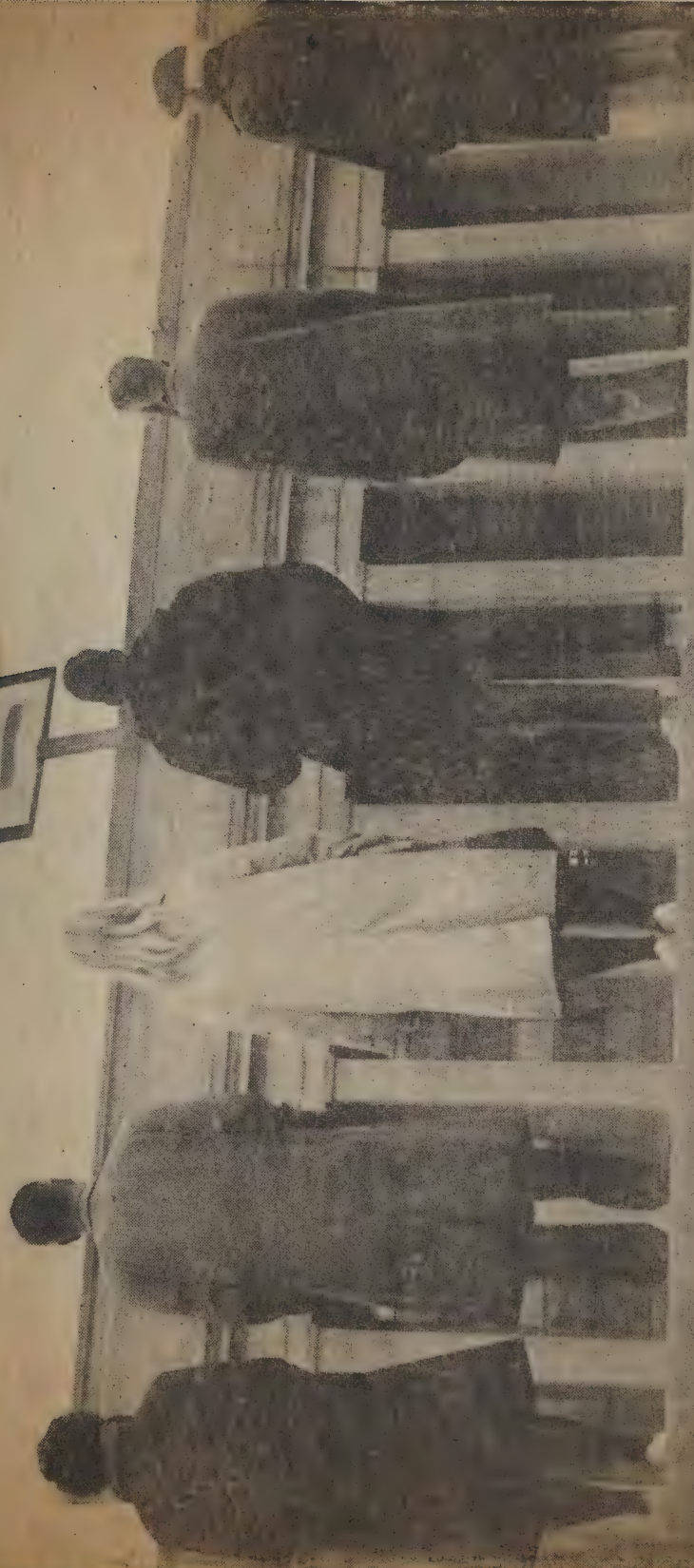
17TH MONTH

"We're now in our 17th month at Ft. Detrick," he said. "Our protest has tremendous power not only for the world but particularly for the participants," he said.

"It's helping to break thru the feeling of apathy that has existed since the end of the last war. It's having more effect than anyone ever anticipated."

"It's one of the reasons they're having difficulty getting good scientists to work there."

PEACE
 is an adventure
 in overcoming
 evil
 with good



PILLARS OF PEACE — About 1000 Quakers picketed the Pentagon today and were to split up and move on to the White House, State Department, and the Soviet, French and British Embassies in an ap-

peal for "non-violent alternatives to the armaments races. They arrived in town yesterday and marched, two-by-two thru downtown, over the 14th-st bridge, to the Pentagon. A spokesman said the Quakers feel

the arms race "only brings fear which tends to build up an arms race on the other side." (See story on Page 5.)

WASHINGTON DAILY NEWS — News Photos by Bill Beal

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By Harry Naltchayan, Staff Photographer

Quaker demonstrators stand silently in "Peace Witness" at Pentagon.

Silent Quakers Circle Pentagon in Peace Bid

By Milton Viorst
Staff Reporter

Some 1000 Quakers stood less, without saying a word, silently before the Pentagon in a bid to bring a new peace to the world.

"Our vigil at the Pentagon is an act of public witness for human decency," their statement said. "We abhor reliance on military might because we feel that it is wrong. It denies the spirit of God in every man. But on more pragmatic grounds, we assert that national security through military might is a delusion."

As a warm and pleasant sun beat down upon them, the demonstrators stood motion-

less, a New York lawyer, declared: "Our being here is based on religious belief as well as what we think is good common sense. The time has come to stand up and be counted."

Only a few passers-by and a handful of Sunday workers saw the demonstration yesterday. But the group plans to resume its vigil today, beginning in the morning hours when the Pentagon fills up for another day of military activity.

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OPEN FORUM

Quaker Pilgrimage

To the Editor:

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The Spirit of Christ by which we are guided is not changeable, so as once to command us from a thing as evil, and again to move unto it; and we do certainly know and so testify to the world, that the Spirit of Christ, which leads us into all truth, will never move us to fight and war against any man with outward weapons, neither for the Kingdom of Christ nor for the kingdoms of this world . . . Therefore, we cannot learn war anymore."

We ask your prayerful consideration of this Testimony as we present it to President Eisenhower and as, by silent vigil at the Pentagon, we witness against our nation's reliance on armed might.

HENRY B. WILLIAMS

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of Friends

Hanover, N. H.

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PITTSFIELD, Mass.

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Quakers at the Pentagon

To the Editor of THE EAGLE:—

The Pentagon, symbol of the nation's armed strength, will be the scene of a silent vigil as members of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) converge on Washington over the weekend of Nov. 12 as part of a witness and rededication to the historic Quaker opposition to war. Joining with an anticipated 1,000 members from across the U.S. will be some 40 New England Quakers, including 10 members of the Cambridge Friends Meeting.

Beginning on Sunday, Nov. 13 and ending Monday evening, Nov. 14, the Quaker Pilgrimage to Washington will feature the constant presence of a large group in silent prayer at the Pentagon building as witness against our nation's reliance on armed might. Additional groups will call on a number of foreign embassies, including that of the Soviet Union, and the U.S. State Department in an attempt to bring to their attention what Quakers believe is the folly of reliance on military might. An additional delegation will travel from Washington to the U.N. in New York to present a gift of money to this organization representing a 1 per cent voluntary tax on individual gross incomes to which many Quakers have committed themselves.

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Throughout the United States, Quakers as individuals and as corporate bodies have been engaged in the task of indicating their unity with this statement, and publicly acknowledging its claim upon them, both for the renunciation of war, and for the building of the conditions and institutions of peace.

GEORGE SELLECK,

5 Longfellow Park,
Cambridge.

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Quakers On The March

Editor, Safety Valve:

On my return from Washington, D.C. where I took part in the Quaker Peace Witness vigil, I was pleased to read in the Monday (Nov. 14) Transcript the excellent first page report of the purpose of that pilgrimage.

The figure given, however, of 600 Quakers was based on advanced registration. The final number of those who registered and took part was 1,073. They came from 28 states, a sizeable group from as far west as California. Those from this general locality included Dr. Philip Woodbridge of Greenfield, Reuben Call of Colrain, Mrs. Marshall Schalk and Mrs. Peter Brock, both of Northampton, and myself. C. Edward Behre, the administrative secretary of the pilgrimage, is a former resident of Amherst.

Some of the signs that were carried on the three-mile walk from Hotel Washington to the Pentagon on Sunday and by those who circled the Pentagon on Sunday and Monday read as follows:

Grapes from thorns?
Peace from armaments?
Quakers say no to all wars
Force may subdue?

But love gains

Deterrence is no good in a war by accident.

Is it ever any good?

Peace is an adventure in overcoming evil with good.

Then on a sign that carried pictures of a mushrooming hydrogen bomb and a missile, If these are good, What is evil?

As to the enclosed leaflet, I can supply extra copies if needed.

—Helen Griffith
69 Woodbridge Terrace
South Hadley.

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Morning Globe
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The Quakers And Peace

To the Editor — At a time when a new administration in Washington must face up to the appalling hazards of militarism and re-assess our foreign policy, it is particularly fitting that your paper should be publishing a paid statement of the Quaker, or Friends' Peace Testimony.

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On Veterans Day, with like-minded people of many other faiths, volunteers walked in Washington in a Pilgrimage of Peace. Let us hope that this will help break the spell of fear which has gripped our nation, and will open our eyes to the creative opportunities of peace that lie ahead.

STUART CHAPIN
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STUART CHAPIN
Cambridge.

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The Forum

Pilgrimage Of Quakers

November 7, 1960

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Three Centuries of Peace-Seeking

This year the Religious Society of Friends is observing the 300th anniversary of the first Quaker public declaration against war. In a statement to King Charles II of England the Quaker leader, George Fox, said: "We utterly deny all outward wars and strife, and fightings with outward weapons, for any end. . . ."

In taking this position Quakers do not disagree with other Christians as much as either they or those others may sometimes suppose. Christians generally are trying to rule war out of the relations between states. The difference between the majority and the Quaker view arises over the means of accomplishing this. Many Christians feel that physical measures of defense are necessary in today's dictator-threatened world to secure the freedom of protest that Quakers enjoy.

True to their own concepts of peacemaking, it must be said, the Quakers do not try to force their views on others.

They do not even say just how or when the individual any more than the group will act under the benign influence of peaceable thinking. William Penn, after his conversion to Quaker ideas, is said to have asked Fox, "How long can I wear my sword?" To which Fox replied, "Wear it as long as thee can." This was a declaration of Fox's certainty that the effect of Penn's peaceable thinking would be seen in the eventual "disarmament" of Penn.

As the Quakers observe this important anniversary, and hold silent vigil in Washington this weekend to express their opposition to war, they can be aware that their ultimate aims unite them to, rather than divide them from, the rest of Christendom.

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Right of Protest

TO THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR:

On Nov. 12, the Monitor carried an editorial, "Three Centuries of Peace-Seeking," much of which was thoughtful and sensitive to the Quaker peace testimony. However one comment in the editorial should be carefully examined. "Many Christians feel that physical measures of defense are necessary in today's dictator-threatened world to secure the freedom of protest which Quakers enjoy."

In reply it must be said that rather than hiding behind the shield of military defense, the Christian pacifist is ready to stand up and be counted and if necessary, like his forebears, to accept persecution. Moreover, concerning possible external threats the Quaker pacifist does not consider his basic freedoms to be protected by military measures, but rather to be endangered by them. "We assert that national security through military might is a delusion." Concerning internal threats, he considers that the so-called "security" measures engendered by military defense would themselves have virtually destroyed the citizen's right to protest, had it not been for the outstanding courage of such men as the late Zechariah Chafee, Judge Hand, Dr. Uphaus, and Linus Pauling, of the crew of the Golden Rule, and the dedicated staff of the American Civil Liberties Union. These are the real defenders of the right of protest which not only Quakers but all citizens enjoy.

The concerned Quaker is guided as much today as he was 300 years ago by the words of George Fox that, "The Spirit of Christ by which we are guided is not changeable, so as once to command us from a thing as evil, and again to move unto it." And he is compelled to condemn the madness of the defense race which, with its cumulative weapons of destruction, has engendered an unparalleled insecurity, not only for civilian rights but for all human life.

MARGARET WELCH
PENELOPE TURTON

Framingham, Mass.

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TRAVELER

Boston Traveler, Friday, Nov. 11, 1960 A

QUAKER PEACE TESTIMONY

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QUAKERS HOLD VIGIL AROUND PENTAGON

Residents of Acton and Stow joined more than a thousand citizens from 43 states in a silent peace vigil around three sides of the pentagon in Washington, D.C.

The occasion of the vigil, which was joined by Dr. and Mrs. Donnell W. Boardman, Acton, and Robert A. Lyon, Stow, was the 800th anniversary of the testimony for peace made by George Fox, founder of the Society of Friends who are commonly called Quakers.

The group of 1000, with 40 from New England, separated into smaller groups calling on the British, French and Soviet embassies. One group went to the United Nations headquarters with a gift of \$36,000 raised by a 1 percent tax which Friends had imposed on themselves.

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Local Residents Joins Peace Vigil

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Dr. and Mrs. Boardman of Acton and Robert A. Lyon, Stow, were among those who joined the vigil marking the 300th anniversary of the original testimony for peace made by George Fox, founder of the Society of Friends, commonly known as the Quakers.

Those gathered at the vigil separated into smaller groups which called on the British, French and Soviet embassies.

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QUAKER REDEDICATION

Mrs. E. Sohler Welch Sr., and Miss Penelope Turton, both of Edmonds Rd., participated in the rededication to the historic Quaker opposition to war last Sunday and Monday. A silent vigil was conducted at the Pentagon by members of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) who converged on Washington over the weekend. Joining with an anticipated 1000 members from across the United States were some forty New England Quakers, including 10 members of the Cambridge Friends Meeting.

The pilgrimage to Washington featured the constant presence of a large group in silent prayer at the Pentagon Building as witness against the nation's reliance on armed might. Additional groups called on a number of foreign embassies, including that of the Soviet Union and the U.S. State Department in an attempt to bring to their

attention what Quakers believe is the fallacy of relying on military might.

An additional delegation travelled from Washington to the United Nations in New York to present a gift of money to this organization, representing a 1 per cent voluntary tax on individual gross incomes to which many Quakers committed themselves.

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Local members of the Friends Meeting House, on Avon street have been most interested in the Quaker Pilgrimage for Peace to Washington which 40 New England Quakers joined, including ten members of the Cambridge Friends Meeting. The Pentagon, symbol of the nation's armed strength, was the scene last week end of a silent vigil as members of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) converged on Washington as part of a witness and rededication of the historic Quaker opposition to war. It was anticipated that 1,000 members from across the United States would join in this silent vigil. The Quaker Pilgrimage to Washington featured the constant presence of a large group in silent prayer at the Pentagon Building as witness against the nation's reliance on

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Quakers Tax Themselves to Give U.N. \$400

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 17 (AP) — Ten Quaker families from St. Louis have sent \$400, representing a self-imposed one per cent income tax, to the United Nations, it was announced today.

John Fowler, a Washington University physicist and treasurer of the Quaker Group, the contributions were sent to the Quaker Friends Meeting, said the U.N. Fowler said he had received a letter acknowledging receipt of the \$400.



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Quakers Here Subscribe to Peace Tract

NEWTOWN — The Newtown Preparative Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends has subscribed to the following declaration of "The Quaker Peace Testimony, 1660-1960":

"The hydrogen bomb has thrown its sinister shadow over the earth. That shadow stands for fear, for retaliation, for the infliction of suffering, for hatred, for death.

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"The Newtown Preparative Meeting is in unity with this testimony of our Religious Society and acknowledges its claim upon the lives of its members, both for the renunciation of all wars, and for the building of the conditions and institutions of peace."

The group meets for worship on Sundays at the Hawley School on Church Hill Rd.

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Society Of Friends In Quaker Peace Testimony

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NOV 14 1960 600 Quakers Plan Peace Pilgrimage

WASHINGTON (UPI)—A group of 600 Quakers planned today to carry their peace pilgrimage to the White House, Congress and the Pentagon in an attempt to show "the futility of the arms race."

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"We assert that national security through military might is a delusion..."

The Weapons of Peace

A thousand Quakers last week stood in quiet vigil before the Pentagon in testimony of their faith that peace can subdue evil.

They were saying again in their way what George Fox, founder of the Society of Friends, said 300 years ago in these words:

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For their faith, Quakers have suffered persecution and death. Four were hanged on Boston Common. It may be fear that inspires a large element of the British Labor Party to want arms put aside; it is not fear that moves the Quakers or many other pacifists among us who would discard outward weapons.

A faith, a spiritual conviction cannot be successfully questioned with logic. Yet those who believe war is not the worst possible evil or who believe that only by armed might can peace be sustained must look at the issue with whatever reason, whatever historical experience they can bring forward.

Is there any rationale in pacifism?

Bertrand Russell believes there is. He would rather see the world enslaved by communism than seared to ash by nuclear heat. He seeks to lead a civil disobedience campaign in England against atomic weapons.

If these were the only alternatives, the world would join him. They are not. Under the same grim compulsion of terror that moves Lord Russell, the powers are moving toward an accommodation—moving with anguishing slowness, but moving. We can be free and have a world to be free in, too.

But if we did deny all outward weapons as of a stated day, what would happen, what would be the weapons of peace, how potent would be the inward weapons?

The hope is that so stunning a gesture might stir such a response everywhere that people could live thereafter without violence. Or that the free people of the world, subjugated by the Communist dictators, would still triumph by the moral right of a Ghandi and the quiet effectiveness or civil disobedience.

It is a vain hope. Tyrants and oppressors are not deterred by peaceful resistance; they respond with more tyranny and more oppression. This history of human freedom has been the history of inward weapons reinforced with outward weapons.

The arms of peace must continue to be the arms of war.

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I will always be grateful for having
been one of the Friends who took
part in the Quaker Peace Writers in
Washington D.C. the weekend of Nov 12.

I am intensely aware of the care
and planning which made it possible
for each of us to participate
adequately in the vigil. I appreciate
the quiet conviction of many of
the Friends, entirely self-forgetting.

If an evaluation of the vigil was
to be to measure the effect it had
on each one of us ~~Friends~~ ^{people} who were —

the line or who saw us; (Whether said
us was ~~was~~ touched or changed by that
experience) — it would be right
for me to report ^{for one individual} only ~~personally~~.

~~that~~ I was ~~completely~~^{totally} transported for
those hours, that I cannot be quite to
same and pray that I will live
up to the knowledge of spiritual love
& tolerance which I know there

THERE IS A SPIRIT

The early mist still silvered the morning air as we emerged from our meeting for worship in downtown Washington. The meeting had been more vocal than silent as Friends rose to speak with urgency of their fears and faith in a time unprecedentedly perilous. But ^{while} ~~as~~ we formed a line, two by two in the chill and dampness, we were all quiet with a sense of expectancy and dedication.

As we crossed the grey deserted streets of Sunday Washington we became aware of the length of the column before and behind us. So many of us ! Our hearts leapt in recognition of something new in the experience of most of us-- a determination and unity among Friends embracing not a few but many. All these walkers were Friends with one over-riding concern. After years of struggle in what often seemed a lonely solitude, here we suddenly found in this company a confirmation and support of our individual commitments against war and for peace. Every single person was here because he cared as much as the Friend beside him, before him, behind him, and the sense of solidarity of purpose was an exultation. A kind of inner radiance began to take possession of us, a joy and thankfulness for this fellowship which grew and spread during our time together to become an essential part of the vigil.

Our company included Friends from near and far, amiable infants, patient children, older Friends whose spirit was not handicapped by cane or wheelchair. The presence of so many eager Young Friends was a cause for rejoicing, as was the presence of their elders, some of whom may have had long inner wrestling against a natural reluctance to appear thus publicly. In the discipline for

the vigil we had been asked beforehand to maintain "an expression of goodwill." This was the expression visible on every face, young and old. There was a wonderful likeness in all these faces, alight with our solemn joy in this corporate experience and our hopes for our fellow-men.

As we walked past the Washington monument the mists vanished and the sunlight fell full and golden upon the line of Friends moving silently up the rise and down toward the Potomac. Passing the marble purity of the Jefferson Memorial we could glimpse the tall bronze statue within and remembered that Jefferson had said "War is an instrument entirely inefficient toward redressing wrong, and multiplies instead of indemnifying losses." Beyond the reflecting pool the square whiteness of the Lincoln Memorial enclosed the great still figure of the President who told his ^{countrymen} ~~people~~, "Let us have faith that right makes might and in that faith let us to the end care to do our duty, as we understand it."

We cross the bridge over the mirror-smooth Potomac and remember that Friends are in the business of bridge-building. We see clearly now the vast ^{shape} ~~bulk~~ of the Pentagon set in its well-kept greenery. A memory of Versailles stirs the imagination. The French people poured out of Paris and stormed that palace of corruption and injustice, and today the palace is a museum. This morning we approach the Pentagon, not with the rage and violence of that eighteenth century mob, but prayerfully and silently, in the hope that one day this citadel of militarism also will become a museum.

It is a very great moment. We all feel this profoundly, walking the last steps to our goal. Our spirits are hymning but it is in complete silence that we pass those who are already in

their places to find our own appointed spot. We halt, facing the enormous facade, and the ranks of those who were behind us go by. Scores of them, hundreds of them, an army of the Lord.

At last the procession comes to an end. Each one is in his place and with the ceasing of footfalls there comes a sudden pure hush. The silence deepens. It is a holy silence, entering into each of us. There is a sense of awe. A shared knowledge of commitment. An almost overwhelming happiness. It is so moving that eyes fill with tears. We have come to be counted on the side of love and we have come together.

"And when the day of Pentecost was come, they were all with one accord in one place."

And so we stood, all that day and the next, blessed by a warm sun. We were not often conscious of physical discomfort or of time. We were aware of the massive dehumanized bulk of the Pentagon, and the comings and goings of officials and workers. But, in full knowledge of our own shortcomings and failures, we did not look with self-righteousness at these fellow citizens who believe in the validity of what they are doing; we only hoped that somehow by our witness we could speak to that of God in them which "takes its kingdom by entreaty and not with contention."

A young man in uniform apparently under orders came stiffly down the steps and into the open space where he stood copying down the words of our signs. "For a disarmed world under world law." "Quaker Peace Mission, 1660-1960." "Not by might but by my spirit saith the Lord." These were the words we had chosen to explain ourselves. The Pentagon has sent forth its message also: Power

for Peace. By power they mean arms. By power we mean love. We are responsible for making our message the clearer one. By our silent presence and prayers we make a beginning.

Below is that most stately and beautiful of our cities, noble in the sunlight. In Jean Giraudoux' "Tiger at the Gates," there is a scene between Hector, who is striving to prevent war between the Trojans and the Greeks, and Helen, who, "trying not to see it," has a vision of catastrophe.

Hector: Is it the battle you see?

Helen: Yes.

Hector: And the city is in ruins or burning?

Helen: Yes. It's vivid red.

The hideous pictures of the holocaust in Hiroshima come back, homes gutted, buildings obliterated, panic-stricken men, women and child run-- oh, the children!-- throwing themselves into the flaming river, a river once like our peaceful Potomac. This must not happen here, nor anywhere else in the world again! All the God-given and man-made beauty and goodness of our earth must be saved, and it can ~~not~~^{not} be saved ^{not} by arms and balance of terror but only by reconciliation, total disarmament, world law, sharing of abundance, and above all ^{by} trust.

We did not come with trumpets like Joshua. We did not expect the walls to come tumbling down. We came because we believe that there is no security save in love, saying in our hearts, "Let there be peace in the world, and let it begin with me."

Lee Huntington
Washington 1960

Report to Friends Meeting at Cambridge on a Pilgrimage of Quakers
to Washington, D.C. November 12th. - 14th. 1960

Again, as in 1660, "We utterly deny all outward wars and strife, and fightings with outward weapons, for any end, or under any pretense whatsoever; and this is our testimony to the whole world..." The Pilgrimage to Washington on November 12th., 1960, must have begun for each of us when these words first reached us in the inspiring Minute of Concern for Witness and Rededication to the Peace Testimony of Friends; when we read and re-read them, studied and re-studied them, so that George Fox's statement became a part of us, and when we made our personal affirmation "...we do certainly know and so testify to the world, that the Spirit of Christ, which leads us into all truth, will never move us to fight..." This preparation, and the knowledge that each of us had the concern, the prayers, of our Meetings with us, perhaps accounted for the sense of unity which immediately took amazing possession of us as we gathered in the huge ballroom of the Hotel Washington to prepare for our vigil before the Pentagon. There was also an under current, almost electric, of excitement, as more and more Friends arrived. Were we really as many as this?

After an opening silence Samuel Levering talked about our purpose; Friends' peace testimony implies that God is love, that the "Spirit of Christ, by which we are guided, is not changeable", and therefore man can only act lovingly towards his fellow man; the peace testimony derives from the religious experience of Quakers, from the Quaker belief in the nature of God, and nature of man - there is that of God in every man; Quakers believe that what is right is possible; that the Quaker effort between the world wars was

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too little and too late, and that now many of us who tend to departmentalise our lives must decide whether to participate or withdraw from the urgent work of peace making; finally that in this pilgrimage we sought first to worship and to seek the will of God, and secondly to make a public witness, the chief value of which would be to ourselves, breaking for ~~some~~ the chains of respectability, but also perhaps, by breaking the ignorance barrier in others, thus, hopefully, destroying their complacency.

Early on Sunday morning we met for worship, again with this sense of unity, an hour of worship which included much vocal expression of our feeling of urgency, but which also held in its silence a sense of our united preparation for our task ahead, and of the presense of the Lord in our midst. As we emerged into the pale sunshine of a beautiful fall morning, and began our three mile walk, two by two, to the Pentagon, the silence deepened and the expectancy heightened. We passed the gleaming monuments to Jefferson and Lincoln, knowing that these great men would approve of us, Only then did the full realisation of the great number of our company reach us, and as we looked ahead and behind each must have felt a kind of awe that so many were willing to make this witness. As we walked, we pondered the signs we carried - "Grapes from thorns, Figs from thistles, Peace from armaments?" - "If these (bombs and missiles) are good, what is evil?" "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts".

The procession wound up the steps of the Pentagon, and filed around three sides of the building, As the last person fell into line the silence seemed to become a holy hush; all thought of disarmament tactics, of bomb test discussions, of visits to Congressmen, of letter writing ^{campaigns} fell into insignificance, and nothing was left but

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the spirit filled with the knowledge of the love of God.

We stood in prayer throughout the day, rotating in two hourly shifts. Walking away at the end of a shift, and thus passing down the vigil line, one became aware of the variety of those standing; whole families, some with baby carriages, young boys and girls, men and women, one or two lame or in wheelchairs, elderly people to whom standing must have been a considerable effort. They had come from all over the country, and many had made tremendous personal sacrifices to be there. As we stood, a group of young sailors went into the building, laughing loudly, possibly in embarrassment, a few officers came and went with just a casual glance in our direction, and one young soldier came down the line listing our signs. Did he feel the wave of prayer directed at him? As the whole line filed away at the end of the day one could only be aware of the uniformity of expression on each face, drained of everything except a "waiting on the Lord", giving witness to the tremendous impact of this corporate spiritual experience; truly the spirit of the Lord was with us.

Then we gathered together again that evening, weary but spiritually lifted in a way that perhaps some of us had never known before, Ray Wilson spoke to us, underlining our sense of urgency heightened by a day spent in gazing at the vastness of the Pentagon building, reminding us that man now lives on a timetable of fifteen to thirty minutes, that decisions affecting peace or war now have to be made by computer, ^{So it} man's brain is not fast enough. He spoke of the need for world wide reconciliation, for world wide law and government, for world wide disarmament, and for world wide compassion and mercy. For evil to triumph, it is only necessary for good to do nothing.

Monday morning ^{Friday} ~~saw~~ a much smaller group to march a half mile to

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the Pentagon, but quite three hundred and fifty were in place by 7.30 a.m.) when the workers began to arrive. Again the line stood all day while hundreds came and went, mostly not heeding us, a few reading our signs, and a very few asking questions. At the same time a small group visited the White House, conveying through the Information Officer Friends' appreciation of the President's work for peace, and presenting a memorial commemorating the occasion. Another group went to the State Department where disarmament was discussed with the Director of the Office of Public Service; ^{and/} three groups visited the Soviet, French and British Ambassadors in affirmation of our testimony. Yet another, larger, group went to New York to present to the United Nations for the work of its special funds, a check for \$31,000.00 representing Friends' donations and self-imposed taxes. These visits had importance, but on Monday a feeling of loyalty to the vigil line became apparent, and some of us even wished we were not in a visiting group, so strongly did we feel the necessity of maintaining the line, and of continuing our personal witness and prayer.

Throughout the vigil a second prayer vigil was kept at Friends' Meeting House, and it was there that we met for our final session on Monday evening.

We then learned with joy that the total attendance had been one thousand and seventy three, from twenty eight states, from the District of Columbia, and from Costa Rica. We learned of the kindness with which Friends had been treated in the city ~~throughout~~, even to the two taxi drivers who, out of sympathy, carried vigilers free of charge ^{and}. We learned of the sympathetic response of the press. As we joined in final silence the knowledge came with great clarity that this rededication was only a beginning for those of us present, a

preparation for work ahead, as we acknowledged the claim of our testimony for peace upon our lives. We were willing, as never before to accept ^{commitment} the words of one of our signs, "Peace is an adventure in overcoming evil with good".

Helen Peabody
Notes on Quaker Peace Pilgrimage
~~1960~~ 1960-1960

Special emphasis in this report of the Pilgrimage is of the gathering in Friends Meeting House at the close of the second day on the Vigil Line.

At this time the whole crowd of us was lifted up as one ~~man~~ person. I myself was so exhausted that I slept soundly for the first ten minutes of the meeting. I awakened to the fact that some very important things were being said around me. I shall just list the ones I managed to catch. -

There were the reports on the visits to the English, French, and Russian Embassies. There was the report of delivering the historic Peace Testimony on an illuminated scroll to the office of the President. It was very kindly recieved by the secretary of liason with the Churches, religious groups.

There was a report about the plans of the Committee on Nonviolent Action - address 158 Grand St. N.Y.C. 13 and a preview of the Walk for Peace from San Francisco to Moscow!

There was discussion as to the advantages of continuing the Vigil at the Pentagon. . . . The decision was that it would be anticlimactic. We must stop and start something fresh. The general feeling was that next time we should do something in the Senate Office Building, or a campaign of visitors to Senators and Representatives and the President, and a campaign of letters. The ~~xx~~ Pentagon had served as a marvellous symbol for this first effort, but after this we must reach the appropriation-makers themselves.

delegate

I heard one ~~xxx~~ Friend giving out a line that this ~~representative~~ will never forget as long as she lives. "There is that of Pentagon in each one of us." This was to remind us not to get any ideas of holier than thou. And to those of us who stood for two days in a circle around that heap of stone and manpower called the Pentagon, it will forever be extraordinarily significant. There is that of God in those inside there, and there is also that of Pentagon in each one of us that stood round about praying for peace. I am forever delighted to find in Quakers the old audacity to Speak Truth to Power - even when it is within the self!

The general feeling was that the Vigil is a rededication of the Society of Friends to the old Peace Testimony

We decided to leave "what comes next" in the hands of Friends Coordinating Committee for Peace. Write George Harden 1520 Race St. Phila.

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There was strong feeling expressed that we should let the other denominations share in all of this.

Idea for Civilian Tax Fund

This idea was new to this delegate and I took to it like duck to water. It seems that an idea has long been in the process-of-making to the effect that we must call on our Government to set up a ~~civilian tax~~ tax for civilian purposes only, so that those of us ~~we~~ who do not wish to contribute to the war effort may contribute all of our tax to civilian purposes. In the tax sense it would be a sort of alternative service. It would seem important for us to bear this in mind and explore it further.

This delegate was astonished and thrilled to hear one old lady make the suggestion that alternative service be presented to High School Students along with the other branches of the Service! Another example of this wonderful Quaker audacity - I can speak this way because I am such a new Quaker technically, I can still see them as something outside of myself.

It seems that Saltonstall gets more mail than any other Senator, and most of it is - that we should not spend any American dollars on foreign aid outside our own country. This is to encourage the letter writers!

Important contribution of a Young Friend - a girl about 18

This young woman testified to having found more of God on the Vigil Line than she had ever succeeded in doing in her life before. She found it, it seems, by the faith-in-prayer manifested by the older people.

This young woman made us realize that we older ones have ^{to} demonstrate God in our being. Words will never be ~~convincing enough~~ wholly convincing.

It seems that the Washington Young Friends have been troubled about how to find God. On the Vigil Line this young woman "could see that the older ones were possessed of a sense of God's presence." (And she was not the only one. All of us were experiencing this in the faces and bodies - the look of the others on the Line.

This is the main thing to me about the Pilgrimage - the sense of God's presence up there on the Line.

Comment on the Washington Pilgrimage -

There was for me a new & deep sense of belonging to a great body of Friends, not only to the varied group standing ^{around} there in Washington - the old people, the school children, the men & women from East & West, but to the thousands more they represented - In the silence of the walk & of the vigil we knew each other, & there was a strength in that common yearning to rededicate ourselves to God & to the ways of His Kingdom - To a degree that amazed me it did not matter whether people saw us or were impressed, although possibly there was a joy in making such a witness to our faith.

I felt that the occasion was far more of an affirmation than a protest and that it was carried out, thanks in large measure to the spiritual character & motivation of those who bled us, with humility as well as with the assurance of our rightness.

Ethel Arvey

When I think of the Washington Vigil, I think first of the words that Samuel Levering spoke to the thousand and more Friends gathered together in the big hall to be briefed on the purposes and techniques of the vigil. Sam sketched our Quaker history with its compromises and failures, but pointed out that political action had never been alien to Quaker testimony but rather, a necessary expression of it. He spoke of the work of the FCNL as a present-day example of the peace testimony, but he recognized that for many Friends the demands of public participation in picket-lines might be difficult. Some people, he said, might consider picketing not quite "respectable", but he recommended that we try to see this adjective in its true light and resolve to break "the barrier of respectability." He stressed the urgency of becoming a part of the political process in this nuclear age and said we must cease to bask in the reflected glory of past Friends all of whom had faced the perils of participation. He said we must first worship together to seek the will of God; then stand up to bear public witness; and thirdly, speak to that of God in others, and move them, too, to seek the answers. The religious spirit must always guide us, and everything else will follow, in the transforming grace of God's love.

These thoughts were vividly in our minds at the hour for worship the next morning before we set off on the long walk to the Pentagon. The walkers marched in a deeply religious silence, and in the same spirit took their places for the discipline of the long vigil. Certainly our backs ached, our fingers froze before the clouds cleared, and our woollens grew heavy in the blazing sun. But I think it can safely be said that those who participated will never forget the pilgrimage, and returned from it not only rededicated to the peace testimony but as people marked and changed by a deep religious experience.

Margaret Welch

Quaker Peace Witness

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The Weather

Today—Mostly sunny and pleasantly warm, high in low 60s. Tonight—Low about 42. Tuesday—Partly cloudy and continued warm. Sunday's temperatures: high 59 at 3 p.m.; low 32 at 6:15 a.m. Complete details on page B2.

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Silent Quakers Circle Pentagon in Peace Bid

By Milton Viorst

Some 1000 Quakers stood less than a word yesterday in testimony of their belief in the futility of war. Most of them marched over in a body after a series of morning prayer meetings in the Hotel Washington. They kept the Pentagon virtually surrounded from 10 a. m. until 4 p. m.

They carried signs with such slogans as "Force may subdue but love gains," "Quakers say no to all wars," and "Deterrence is no good in a war by accident. Is it ever good?"

One sign picturing a "missile" and a nuclear explosion asked, "If this is good, what is evil?"

Protest Anniversary Marked
Quakers came from all over the Nation for the demonstration, called a "Peace Witness." It marks the 300th anniversary of the first Quaker protest to war, made to King Charles II of England.

"Our vigil at the Pentagon is an act of public witness for human decency," their statement said. "We abhor reliance on military might, because we feel that it is wrong. It denies the spirit of God in every man. But on more pragmatic grounds, we assert that national security through military might is a delusion."

As a warm and pleasant sun beat down upon them, the demonstrators stood motionless.

Many adults stood with their children. One woman sat in a wheel chair and a man leaned on crutches. Groups of youths, who traveled long distances from home together, stood shoulder to shoulder.

Trip from Illinois

Wilfred Reynolds, an Evanston, Ill., businessman, said he had made the trip because "it is my personal conviction that we must oppose this evil, the war system, and man's dependence on it."

Stella Toogood, a Berkeley, Calif., school teacher, explained, "I work with small children. I joined the Quakers at the time of the first mass bombings of people during the Spanish Civil War. Now things are more dangerous than ever."

Lawrence S. Apsky, a New York lawyer, declared: "Our being here is based on religious belief as well as what we think is good common sense. The time has come to stand up and be counted."

Only a few passers-by and a handful of Sunday workers saw the demonstration yesterday. But the group plans to resume its vigil today, beginning in the morning hours when the Pentagon fills up for another day of military activity.



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ED BEHRE AND POLICE check route of march



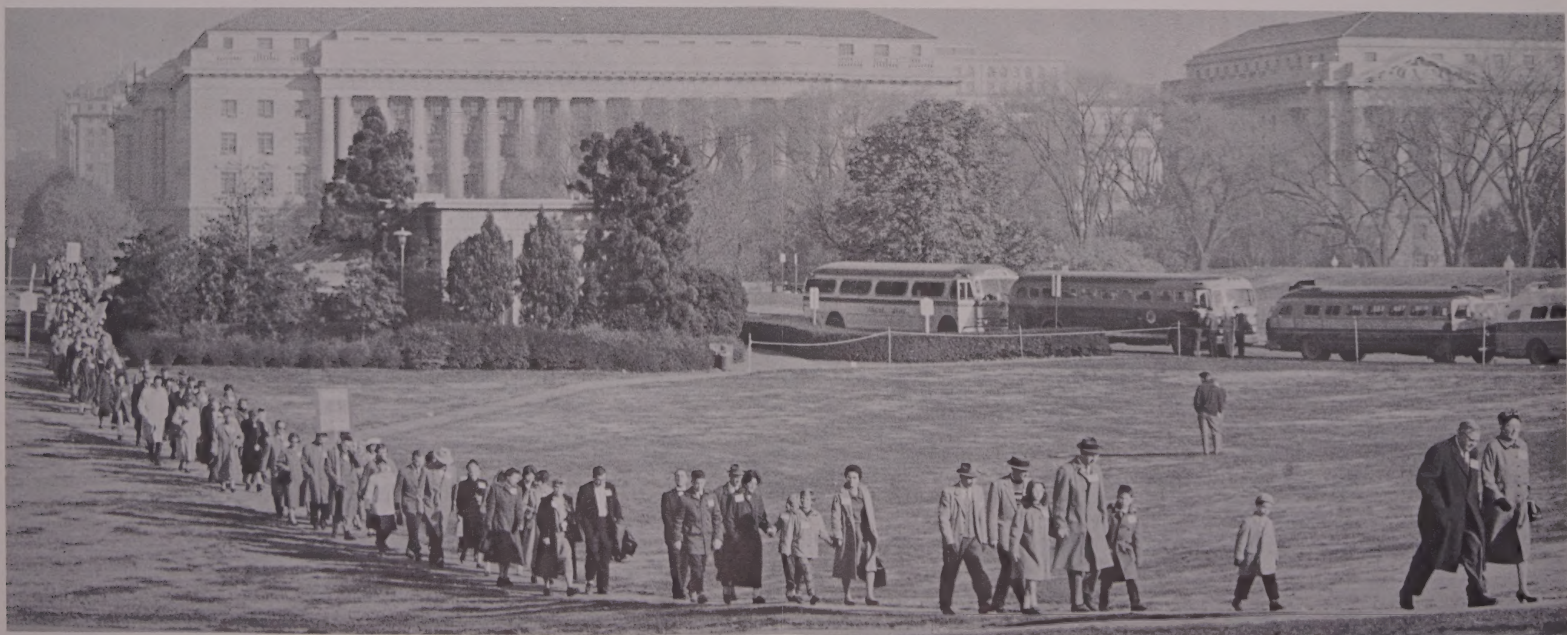
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YOUNG FRIENDS MEDITATE in Vigil at Pentagon after distributing 25,000 interpretative leaflets to the public in the Washington Area.

CROSSING THE POTOMAC RIVER



MARCH FROM CITY TO PENTAGON: Crossing the Mall

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MARCH FROM CITY TO PENTAGON: Passing the Jefferson Memorial

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SAMUEL LEVERING ADDRESSES OVERFLOW CROWD: "In order to carry out this witness successfully, we must let God come into our hearts. If this is done, then this will be a glorious occasion."



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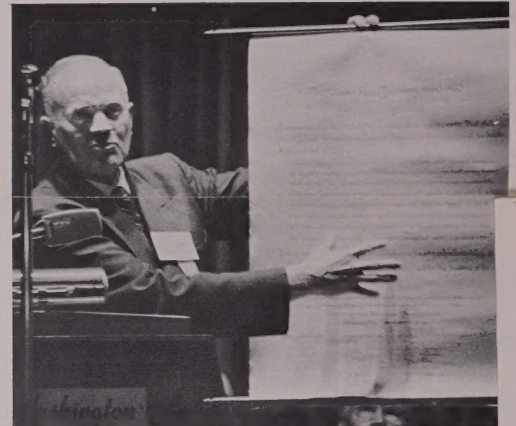


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MILTON HADLEY DISPLAYS SCROLL of Personal Affirmation signed by the Overseers of the Pilgrimage on behalf of 4038 Friends whose signatures had been received at that time. An illuminated copy of this scroll was delivered to the White House for President Eisenhower. The copy shown here was given to the United Nations.



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Pentagon Workers Unmoved by 'Vigil'

By Milton Viorst
Staff Reporter

Thousands of Defense Department employees peered over their shoulders as they rushed into the Pentagon yesterday morning and saw long, still lines of Quakers demonstrating for peace. The Quakers resumed the vigil they began at 7:30 a. m.

Sunday, early enough to catch the crowds of servicemen and civilian employees hurrying to their jobs.

More than 700 took positions on the sidewalks in front of the Mall and River entrances. They stood shoulder to shoulder, silently, revealing their identity only through

signs that carried pacifist slogans or proclaimed "Quaker Peace Witness, 1960."

Almost no one from the Pentagon staff gave them more than a passing glance. Gen. Lyman L. Lemnitzer, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, vaulted from his staff car up the steps without betraying any sign of recognition. A few staffers stopped,

but only long enough to inquire who the demonstrators were.

After the rush hour, however, one private emerged from the building and said: "My general told me to find out what those signs say. He also wants to know how long they're going to stay."

Throughout the morning, curious faces peered at the demonstrators from Pentagon windows. When photographers tried to take their pictures, they withdrew.

There were no cat-calls, no evidences of hostility. In the chilly hours of the early morning, passers-by were sympathetic. Later, as the day bloomed into sunny brilliance, they were deferential. But they were never friendly.

When asked by reporters what they thought of the demonstrators, both civilians and servicemen had warm words for the Quaker aims. But none accepted their arguments. Few objected to being interviewed but almost none would disclose his name.

"They believe it, that's their right," an Air Force lieutenant colonel said. "I'm afraid it doesn't make much impact on me, however." Then he hurried off.

"If the whole world felt that way," said an Army sergeant, "it would be ideal. But I think if Jesus were alive today, he might have to change some of his ideas."

When the vigil was over, the Quakers said this was the most successful demonstration of their pacifist faith they had ever made.



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\$46,000 FOR THE UNITED NATIONS:

Charles Darlington hands envelope containing voluntary tax contributions to Norma Price, Samuel Levering and Colin Bell for delivery to the United Nations.

The delegation from the Pilgrimage to the United Nations included 39 Friends. In Washington, smaller delegations were received at the White House and the State Department and by the ambassadors of Great Britain, the U.S.S.R. and France. Individual Friends, in small groups visited 27 Congressional offices. Friends spoke in 10 Washington area churches.

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